

SENATE BILL 2039

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to conduct of students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 43, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

49-6-4303.

(a) No arrest warrant shall be issued or criminal charges pressed against a student for actions taken on school grounds or within any school building or structure, except for the following:

(1) Unauthorized possession on school property of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921;

(2) Battery upon a teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of an LEA, or school resource officer;

(3) Unlawful possession of any drug, including any controlled substance as defined in §§ 39-17-403 - 39-17-415, or legend drug as defined by § 53-10-101;

(4) Making a bomb threat against school property; or

(5) Vandalism or assault and battery endangering life, health, or safety as provided by § 49-6-4301.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prevent any disciplinary action being taken by a school or LEA for actions taken by a student.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.